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1. OUR VIEWS ON THE THREE ISSUES RAISED BY EMBASSY IN
PARA 7 OF REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A.# AS FAR AS WE CAN RECALL, IT HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN
STANDARD PRACTICE FOR THE FRG TO INVITE GROUPS OF OFFICERS
FROM NATO MISSIONS IN BRUSSELS ON INSPECTION TOURS OF
BERLIN. TRIPS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED SOLELY UNDER AUSPICES OF
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FRG, WITH INVOLVEMENT OF ALLIED AUTHORITIES BEING

LIMITED TO PROVIDING BRIEFINGS AND TOURS OF INSTALLATIONS. ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE ARGUED THAT A VISIT BY AMBASSADORS WILL DRAW MORE PUBLICITY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEIR HIGHER RANK NECESSARILY REQUIRES ALLIED SPONSORSHIP. THUS, WE AGREE WITH FRG AND FRENCH REPS THAT NO ALLIED "KIG LEAF" IS NECESSARY FOR VISITS BY AMBASSADORS.

B. HOWEVER, INVITATIONS OF THIS KIND WHEN EXTENDED TO AMBASSADORS AT NATO ARE NORMALLY EXTENDED TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDES SYG LUNS AS CHAIRMAN. INVITATIONS EXTENDED IN THIS MANNER THEREFORE AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDE LUNS. WE SUSPECT THAT THIS INVITATION

WAS INITIALLY EXTENDED IN THIS TRADITIONAL WAY. AN INVITATION TO THE NAC AS SUCH ALSO CONSTITUTES AN INVITATION TO A NATO BODY, AND THUS, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY THE THREE POWERS, SINCE PRESENCE OF A NATO BODY IN BERLIN UNDER FRG AUSPICES COULD BE CONSTRUED AS SIGNIFYING GERMAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE SECURITY OF THE CITY. A SEPARATE VISIT BY SYG LUNS WOULD HAVE THE SAME SIGNIFICANCE, SINCE HE SYMBOLIZES THE ALLIANCE AS A BODY. AN INDIVIDUAL VISIT BY LUNS SHOULD THUS ALSO BE SPONSORED BY THE THREE POWERS.

C. IN LIGHT OF DIFFERING VIEWS IN BONN GROUP ON THIS QUESTION, WE WONDER IF FURTHER BONN GROUP DISCUSSION WILL IN PRINCIPLE BE OF ANY VALUE. ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US AS A MEANS OF OBTAINING CONSENSUS.

(1) ALLIED-SPONSORED INVITATION TO NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, INCLUDING LUNS.

(2) FRG INVITATION TO ALLIED PERMREPS AS AMBASSADORS OF THEIR COUNTRIES, WITH PARALLEL AND SIMULTANEOUS ALLIED-SPONSORED INVITATION TO LUNS TO ACCOMPANY PERMREPS. (WE BELIEVE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WOULD BE MINIMAL SINCE VISITORS COULD SIMPLY BE HANDLED AS A SINGLE GROUP.)

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(3) FRG INVITATION TO PERMREPS AND SEPARATE ALLIED-SPONSORED INVITATION TO LUNS FOR ANOTHER OCCASION. (THIS IS LEAST PREFERABLE SOLUTION.)

2. IT IS HIGHLY UNFORTUNATE THAT THE FRG DECIDED TO APPROACH SYG LUNS WITHOUT PREVIOUS CONSULTATION WITH THE THREE POWERS. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE THIS POINT FIRMLY IN NEXT BONN GROUP DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT ANY SUCH FUTURE INITIATIVES WILL BE COORDINATED

IN BONN GROUP IN ADVANCE.

3. ALLIED POSITION SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO LUNS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AFTER MODALITIES FOR VISIT (OR VISITS) HAVE BEEN AGREED, FULL EXPLANATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO LUNS, EITHER BY ALL THREE ALLIED AMBASSADORS OR BY AMBASSADOR OF CURRENT ALLIED CHAIRMAN IN BERLIN (IN THIS CASE UK).

4. FOR USNATO: YOU SHOULD CONTACT VAN CAMPEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND EXPLAIN THAT US HAS NOT OPPOSED AND DOES NOT OPPOSE A VISIT TO BERLIN BY LUNS, EITHER AS A MEMBER OF THE NAC OR AS NATO SYG. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO JOIN IN SPONSORSHIP BY ALLIED POWERS OF EITHER FORM OF VISIT. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO VAN CAMPEN OUR VIEW OF PRESENT POSSIBILITIES AS SET OUT ABOVE AND ASSURE HIM OF OUR CONCERN OVER THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT. INGERSOLL

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